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19 February 1952

Dear Dr. Eliot:

In the absence of Dr. Sockman, who will not return until Friday, your letter of February 18 has come to my attention. We thank you for your interest in the dedication of the bronzes of Susan B. Anthony, which will take place Sunday, May 18.

We have not on previous occasions had an invocation, but if we should plan one as a part of the ceremony this year, we shall be happy to consider the name of Dr. David Rhys Williams. In any event, I shall discuss this matter with Dr. Sockman when he returns, and at which time your letter will be brought to his attention.

Cordially yours,

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Dr. Sockman:

I have just heard that on Sunday, May 18 a bust of Susan B. Anthony is to be unveiled in the Hall of Fame of New York University and I am writing to inquire about the nature of the program and to make a suggestion.

If the program includes an invocation, it would seem to me that the name of Dr. David Rhys Williams of the First Unitarian Church, Rochester, New York, might well be given some consideration for that part in the program. Miss Anthony was for a great many years an active and loyal member of the Rochester Unitarian church and there seems to me a certain appropriateness in having the present minister of her church participate on this occasion. Furthermore, Dr. Williams is one of our leading clergymen and I have complete confidence that if he were asked to take part, he would do so with satisfaction to all concerned.

Perhaps it is quite inappropriate that I should venture to make any such suggestion to you and if this is so, I shall have to rely upon your spirit of Christian forbearance.

With warm personal regards,

Faithfully yours,

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